



PATENT APPLICATION
Our Docket No. 20010529.ORI

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re App : Lakjaya Buluwela et al : October 24, 2006
S.N. : 10/019,520 : Art Unit 1635
Filed : June 10, 2002 : Examiner Jane J. Zara
For : CONTROL OF GENE EXPRESSION

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner for a three-month extension of time to respond to a Final Office Action mailed April 28, 2006 and an Advisory Action mailed August 7, 2006 in the above-captioned patent application. A Supplemental Amendment is attached.

A check in the amount of \$1810.00 is enclosed for the cost of the three-month extension fee and the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE).

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required by this paper and any additional fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 08-1265.

Respectfully submitted,
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